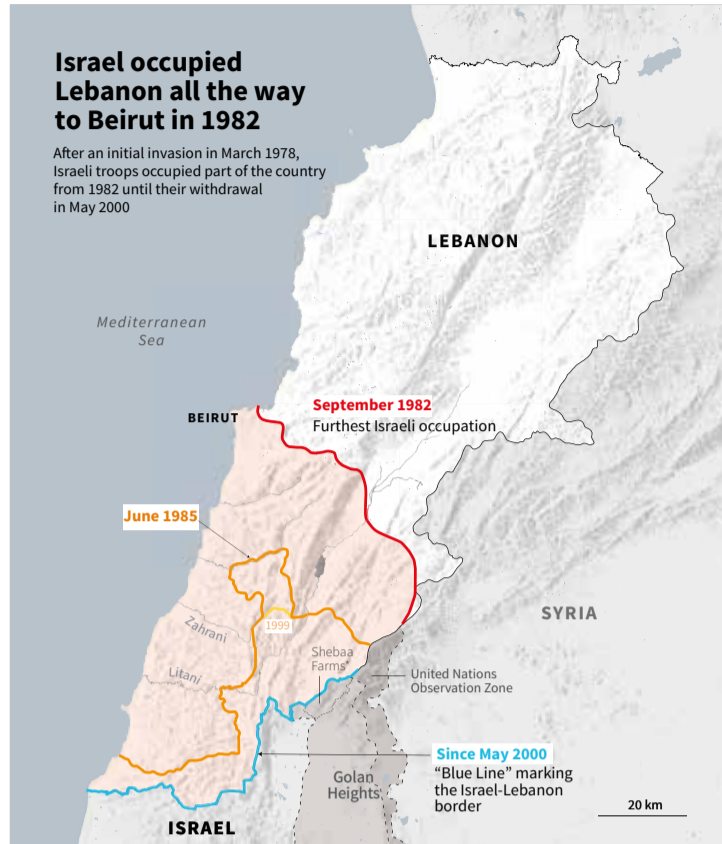


The US-Iran ceasefire is scheduled to end on Wednesday

Iranian airport reopens

Iran will resume international flights today from Mashhad airport in the country's northeast, its civil aviation authority said.



Lebanon PM to Paris

French President Emmanuel Macron will tomorrow meet with Lebanese Prime Minister Nawaf Salam in Paris, his office announced, a day after a French peacekeeper was killed in Lebanon and amid a fragile 10-day truce between Israel and Iran-backed militant group Hezbollah.

Israeli soldier killed

Israel's military announced the death of a second soldier during combat in southern Lebanon, where fighting has not stopped despite a temporary ceasefire that started Friday.

The Israeli army death toll in the six-week war between Israel and Hezbollah in Lebanon is now 15, according to an AFP tally based on military figures.

Turkey hopes for extension

Turkey's Foreign Minister Hakan Fidan said yesterday he was "optimistic" that a two-week ceasefire between Iran and the United States that expires on Wednesday, would be extended, allowing more time for talks between the sides.

Trump orders negotiators to Pakistan, but Iran on the fence over talks

NO MORE MR. NICE GUY!"

tors will travel to Pakistan today to resume talks aimed at ending the war with Iran, while warning of sweeping strikes if no deal is reached.

Iran, however, appeared cool to the prospect of talks, particularly in light of the ongoing US blockade of its ports, according to Iranian media reports.

The Fars and Tasnim news agencies cited anonymous sources as saying Tehran had yet to decide whether it would take part and that "the overall atmosphere cannot be assessed as very positive", adding that lifting the US blockade was a precondition for negotiations.

State-run IRNA, meanwhile, pointed to the blockade and Washington's "unreasonable and unrealistic demands", saying that "in these circumstances, there is no clear prospect of fruitful negotiations".

Iran and the United States, along with Israel, are just three days away from the end of the two-week ceasefire that halted the Middle East war, ignited by surprise US-Israeli strikes on Iran on February 28.

There has so far been only a single,

21-hour negotiating session held in Islamabad on April 11 that ended inconclusively, though groundwork for fresh talks continued afterwards.

"We're offering a very fair and reasonable DEAL, and I hope they take it," Trump said in his post.

Iran's speaker of parliament and senior negotiator Mohammad Bagher Ghalibaf had insisted as recently as Saturday night that the two sides were "still far from the final discussion".

Vance will lead US team

US Vice President JD Vance will lead the US delegation for talks with Iran in Pakistan, a White House official said

The United States is going to knock out every single Power Plant, and every single Bridge, in Iran. NO MORE MR. NICE GUY!. They'll come down fast, they'll come down easy and, if they dont take the DEAL, it will be my Honor to do what has to be done, which should have been done to Iran, by other Presidents, for the last 47 years.

yesterday -- shortly after President Donald Trump said he would not make the trip.

Early in the day, Trump announced he was sending negotiators to Islamabad for meetings with Tehran about ending the conflict that has raged in the Middle East, with a ceasefire soon set to expire.

The president however said Vance -- who led the last round of talks with Tehran in Islamabad, but came away

with no deal -- would not make the trip, citing security concerns. "It's only because of security," Trump told ABC News. "JD's great."

But the White House quickly flipped the script, when asked about those comments.

Iran decided to fire bullets yesterday in the Strait of Hormuz — A Total Violation of our Ceasefire Agreement!



The United States and Iran have never formally declared war on each other, but they have been in conflict for decades through military strikes, proxy wars, and political tensions since the 1979 Iranian Revolution.

● Diplomatic efforts continue following high-level talks in Pakistan on April 11-12

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